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photo: Steven Brooke

What is a real community?

Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic Robert Campbell FAIA comes to the BSA Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library this month on **May 24** to explore with us the essential characteristics of a community or a city.

"There is a powerful national movement — under various names such as Smart Growth and New Urbanism — to put a limit on what is unkindly referred to as 'suburban sprawl' and to replace it with a revival of the traditional values of compact, walkable, densely built, mixed-use villages, towns and cities," Campbell writes. "Is this sense or sentimentality?" Examining communities as diverse as Seaside, Florida (above) and Venice (Piazza San Marco is pictured at right), Campbell thinks aloud about real communities.

This lecture series — "Exploring Design" — is the year-long venture by the BSA and the

Boston Public Library to explore architecture and community design. The presentation by Campbell begins at 6:00 pm in the BPL's Rabb Auditorium in Copley Square on May 24. There is no charge and all are invited.

Ed. note: The presentation by Robert Campbell FAIA brings this BSA Lecture Series season to a close; we return with the new season in September at the BPL.



Classified is now Web-based

Beginning this month, the BSA's popular Building Industry Classified — until now a hard-copy insert in the ChapterLetter — becomes a Web-based service. This change recognizes the growing use of the Internet in individuals' searches for employment, employees, consultants' services, space to lease, equipment to buy/sell, etc. The BSA will continue to offer a print version of the Classified and distribute it on request by mail and fax to architects, engineers, interior

designers, landscape architects, contractors, clients and others who now use the hard-copy version.

An obvious and significant benefit of this transition will be the much shorter lead-time for deadlines, much greater visibility of your ads, and significant reductions in the use and cost of paper and ink. Questions? Write or call Classified editor Melissa Curran at mcurran@architects.org/617-951-1433x234.

	Event	Location/Sponsor	Cost/RSVP
May 1-July 28 9:00 am-5:00 pm	"New England Architects' Work" — the popular exhibit of scores of 16"x20" photos of work by New England architects (see p. 4)	The Architects Building Sponsored by Suffolk Construction	Free No RSVP required
May 3 6:00-8:00 pm	"Legal Hard-Hat" — a unique reception celebrating and reflecting on the AIA/Justice Department Consent Decree expiring this year	The Architects Building	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org
May 10 6:00 pm	"New Members Reception" — the BSA welcomes new members in a special biannual reception; all are welcome (see p. 14)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA Membership Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org
May 12 May 25 Jun. 19	"Strategic Alliances: Mergers, Joint Ventures, etc." "Air-Barrier Technologies II" "Recession-Proofing Your Firm" These are the final three workshops in the BSA's Spring professional development series (see p. 9)	The Architects Building	Costs vary Registration details: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org
May 15 6:00 pm	"Working Abroad" — the monthly informal presentation of work overseas by New England architects this month welcomes Hasan Khan (see p. 3)	The Architects Building Sponsored by the BSA International Committee	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org
May 18 6:00 pm	"Women in Design" — this month's installment of the continuing series focuses on "teaming across disciplines" (see p. 4)	The Architects Building	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org
May 20	"Box City" — Architects in western Massachusetts host a special "box city" event for elementary and secondary schoolchildren (see p. 6)	Sunderland Elementary School Sponsored by the Western Massachusetts AIA Chapter <i>et al.</i>	Free Jonathan Salvon AIA js@kuhntriddle.com 413-259-1630
May 24 6:00 pm	"Real Communities" — the BSA/BPL lecture series this month welcomes Boston architect and Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Robert Campbell FAIA (see p. 1)	Rabb Auditorium, Boston Public Library, Copley Square Sponsored by the BSA and the BPL	Free No RSVP required
May 25 6:00 pm	"Office dA" — the monthly BSA crit session ("Works-in-Progress") for designers at all levels this month welcomes Office dA's Monica Ponce de Leon and Nader Tehrani (see p. 4)	The Architects Building	Free RSVP: 617-951-1433x221/ bsa@architects.org

Interest in Young Designers Institute sparks second series in September

Responses to the BSA's experimental Young Designers Professional Development Institute, the year-long training program for young designers that began in March, has been so substantial that the BSA is scheduling a second series beginning in September. This program brings a maximum of 20 young designers together for one half-day each month in a 12-month course on practice issues. The intent is to help young designers bridge the gap between school and practice and to help design firms train their new employees much more rapidly

than is otherwise possible. For more information on the next class beginning in September, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (rfitzgerald@architects.org/617-951-1433x232).

This program, which is already attracting national attention among other AIA communities, was conceived by BSA Membership Committee chair George Takoudes AIA of Payette Associates and is administered for the BSA by Dr. William Ronco, President of Gathering Pace Consulting.

New England architects working abroad gather at BSA

On **May 15**, the BSA International Committee hosts architect/educator Hasan Khan in this month's installment of the BSA's popular "Working Abroad" program. All design professionals are welcome to join us as Khan, who teaches at MIT and Roger Williams, discusses the new University of the Middle East, a cross-cultural educational effort currently in development. Peter Steffian FAIA, President of NCARB, joins us for the evening.

These informal, wine-&-cheese evenings at the BSA are free and have proved to be excellent design, marketing and networking opportunities as they provide exceptional insights into securing and executing work overseas. Join us at The Architects Building at 6:00 pm on May 15; RSVP to 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org.

*Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA, Chair
International Committee*

Calls for Entries: young architects, unbuilt work, Build Boston exhibits and the Honor Awards

Four deadlines for BSA design awards programs and juried exhibits arrive in the next few months:

» **Young Architects Design Awards** — This is the third annual program that seeks to recognize the design work of Massachusetts professionals who have received their most recent professional degree within the past ten years; the deadline is **May 15**.

» **Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards** — The ninth annual BSA program that invites unbuilt architecture submissions from design professionals, educators, students and other designers throughout the world; the deadline is **July 10**.

» **Build Boston Juried Photo Exhibits** — The 16th annual program of juried exhibits at Build Boston for architects, engineers, interior designers and landscape architects; the deadline is **August 1**.

» **BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence** — The BSA's annual honor awards program invites submissions from all Massachusetts architects and architects outside Massachusetts are invited to submit work they have done in Massachusetts; the deadline is **August 21**. This program, which invites entries of all project types, is again co-sponsored by DPIC and Poole Professional Ltd.

The Calls for Entries for all of these programs are available on the BSA Web site (www.architects.org)

or you may e-mail or fax requests for one or all of the Calls for Entries (specify those you are interested in receiving) to bsa@architects.org/617-951-0845.

Code change affects new commercial and high-rise residential buildings

The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) has adopted new requirements for energy conservation to be included in the State Building Code (780 CMR, Chapter 13). The new provisions take effect on January 1, 2001 and they constitute an entire replacement of the current Chapter 13, which affects all new commercial and high-rise residential buildings in Massachusetts.

The BBRS, in cooperation with the US Department of Energy and Massachusetts gas and electric utilities, is now offering training seminars on the new energy code. Architects, engineers, interior designers, contractors and others are encouraged to attend. For more information about the training schedule and registration, and to see the content of the new requirements, visit the BBRS Web site at www.state.ma.us/bbrs/energy.htm or for schedule and meeting information, call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org. Practitioners interested in bidding on training services can also download an RFP at the site.

David Weitz, BBRS

BSA tours Israel in June



The BSA's continuing program of international architecture tours is in Angkor/Laos this month and takes everyone interested in architectural tours to Israel in June, Spain in September, Japan in November and Cuba in late November/early December. For details and registration information on any of these tours, call the BSA tour guides at 800-272-8808. (See also the tour flyer inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter.)

*International
universal design
conference set for
Providence in June
(see the story on
p. 10).*

*Architectour 2000
takes BSA members
to Israel in June (an
arts fair in Tel Aviv is
pictured at left)*

Office dA's work-in-progress critiqued at BSA event

Office dA's Monica Ponce de Leon and Nader Tehrani come to the BSA this month for the **May 25** edition of "Works-in-Progress". This is the monthly opportunity for architects and interns to discuss and critique our guests' current work. These are free-wheeling discussions and are often exciting, always stimulating and provocative...and often lead to changes in our guests' work.

Office dA's remarkable work includes many projects most of us may be familiar with including The Mill Road House, Casa La Roca, The Zahedi House and The Toledo House, all of which were honored with *P/A* awards in the past five years.

All design professionals are invited to join us for *hors d'oeuvres* and conversation. You may reserve your spot for this May 25 evening at the BSA by e-mailing your reservation (no charge) to bsa@architects.org or calling 617-951-1433x221.

Doug McCallum AIA, Chair
"Works-in-Progress" Committee

New England work on exhibit

Scores of stunning 16"x20" photographs of projects designed by New England architects are on exhibit **this month** in The Architects Building.

Photographs by Steve Rosenthal, Peter Vanderwarker, Nick Wheeler, Richard Mandelkorn and other extraordinary architectural photographers provide an extraordinary visual catalog of work in all project categories by New England architects. This is the popular exhibit that opened at Build Boston last November; it drew so much attention that we have installed it in The Architects Building gallery through the end of July (the exhibit is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).

The BSA exhibits program is sponsored annually by Suffolk Construction Company.

Robert Taylor AIA, Chair
Exhibits Committee

Mulligans may be purchased rather inexpensively

Now is the time to register for the 12th Annual BSA Golf Tournament on **June 8**. Even though we expanded the format for the Tournament to include 27 holes of great golf in one of the loveliest settings in New England, we still anticipate a sell-out crowd and hope you and your foursome will be among them. As many readers know, last year we had to

turn away over 50 players so we are urging you to register **now** to beat the rush.

The Tournament this year on June 8 is again at the Far Corner Golf Course in Boxford. If you are interested in participating — as a player or sponsor or both — call/write Alexandra Lee today at 617-951-1433x225/alee@architects.org. We are also looking for new ideas and volunteers to help make this a special day; give us a call. We look forward to seeing you on the fairway.

Kurt Rockstroh AIA, Chair
Mulligans Committee

Mayor visits BSA Board

Boston Mayor **Tom Menino** was the special guest at the April meeting of the BSA Board of Directors. Joined by his new BRA director, Mark Maloney, and by BRA planners/designers Linda Haar and Homer Russell, Mayor Menino talked informally with the Board over lunch about a broad range of urban design and planning issues including affordable housing development in Boston, the South Boston Seaport District, the development of the land that will emerge from the depression of the Central Artery and other design and planning issues. The Mayor's office is also working with the BSA on the Civic Initiative for a Livable New England (see story on p. 5).



Mayor Tom Menino

Women explore "teaming across disciplines"

Women in Design, the new BSA network of women in the building industry, hosts the fourth in its series of evening discussions on **May 18**.

The issue is "Teaming Across Disciplines: Keys for Success and Added Project Value." Moderated by Carol R. Johnson Associates principal Jennifer Jones, this informal and highly interactive exchange includes panelists Marie Ennis (a structural engineer and principal at Einhorn Yaffee Prescott in New York City), **Elizabeth Ericson FAIA** (principal at Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott), and **Judith Nitsch P.E.** (civil engineer and principal of Judith Nitsch Engineering).

This event focusing on interdisciplinary collaboration is open to all women in the building industry and begins at 6:00 pm, May 18 at The Architects Building, 52 Broad St., Boston. To reserve a seat and help us order adequate refreshments (there is no charge), call/write 617-951-1433x221/terickson@architects.org.



Elizabeth Ericson FAIA



Judith Nitsch P.E.

Grants available to boost public design awareness

The Boston Foundation for Architecture has issued its 2000 RFP, which is designed to elicit proposals for public programs that elevate public awareness of planning and design issues, especially among schoolchildren. Proposals are due on **August 14**.

This year the engineering community is collaborating once again with the architectural community to increase significantly the funds available for grants. The Engineering Center Education Trust and the Foundation initiated this collaboration last year. It was an experiment that proved exceptionally successful and the grant-application guidelines this year again underscore the Foundation's interest in programs that address engineering as well as architectural issues.

For a copy of the RFP, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org; requests for the RFP also may be e-mailed to bsa@architects.org or fax inquiries to 617-951-0845.

*Kyra Montagu, Chair
Boston Foundation for Architecture*

Ed. note: The grant-making program administered by the Foundation was explored in the February 27 issue of The Boston Globe Magazine, which focused on the \$62,000 in grants made to Massachusetts schools and other institutions in 1999.

Architects and allies identify codes priorities

Did you know that Massachusetts has the most comprehensive fire-safety regulations in the country? Did you know that Massachusetts has the strictest requirements for seismic reinforcement of existing buildings in the country? Did you know that Massachusetts has recently adopted the most stringent energy-conservation code in the country? Why, when we do not have more fires or earthquakes or use more energy *per capita*, is this the case?

At the March and April meetings of the BSA Codes & Regulations Committee, we welcomed representatives of BOCA, the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS), the City of Boston Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office to assess developments in code adoption and enforcement as they affect every architect in the Commonwealth.

This month on **May 17**, we evaluate the content of the March and April meetings and identify ways to increase the role of architects in future code development. Alexander MacLeod AIA, the only

architect on the Board of the BBRS, has witnessed the evolution of the state Building Code through several editions and joins us at the May 17 meeting. The intent is to hear his perspective on code development and enforcement and to provide him with clarity about our profession's concerns. The goal of the Committee is to develop a set of recommendations to present to the BSA Board of Directors delineating positions and action strategies regarding code development.

Everyone reading this with an interest in codes in Massachusetts is urged to join us at 8:30 am on May 17 in The Architects Building; call 617-951-1433x221 to tell us you are coming so we order enough coffee and bagels. With questions or suggestions, please write/call me at avw@rwsullivan.org/617-523-8227.

*A. Vernon Woodworth AIA, Chair
BSA Codes & Regulations Committee*

\$15,000 grant spurs livable New England initiative

A \$15,000 grant from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy was announced in April at a special meeting of the BSA group planning the Civic Initiative for a Livable New England.

Developed by the BSA in league with the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Boston Bar Association and the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency, the Civic Initiative is a two-year exploration of smart-planning alternatives available to those of us who live in New England. As issues defined as "smart growth", "suburban sprawl", and "livable communities" are sprinkled throughout news reports in our daily papers and broadcast media, the BSA's Civic Initiative is an effort to bring together the public policy-makers and the residents of New England who can help construct appropriate rationales and tools that will lead to the development of well-planned neighborhoods, towns and regions.

Led by BSA Vice-President Rebecca Barnes FAIA and co-chairs Gary Graham FAIA and Randy Jones AIA, the other activists playing leadership roles in this extraordinary series of events include Lincoln Institute's Armando Carbonell and the key players listed in the column at right.

This initiative has attracted national attention and BSA members and allies are encouraged to join us in this unusual effort. For details, write/call program coordinator Alexandra Lee at the BSA at alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x225.

Michael Hicks AIA, President

Civic Initiative Steering Committee

*Larissa Brown
(Community Design Partnership)*

Carl Dierker (US Environmental Protection Agency)

*David Dixon FAIA
(Goody, Clancy & Associates)*

Ruth Feldman

Ezra Glenn (American Planning Association/Massachusetts)

Elizabeth Kline (Tufts University)

Sarah Kuhn (University of Massachusetts/Lowell)

*Peter Lowitt AICP
(American Planning Association/Massachusetts and Devens Enterprise Commission)*

Mindy Lubber (US Environmental Protection Agency)

Ron Mallis

*Nancy Sullivan
(Symmes Maini & McKee)*

Marie Turley (Boston Women's Commission)

"Green" lessons learned in Pennsylvania

"Guidelines for High-Performance Buildings" is the title of both a book and a video describing the South Central Regional Office Building now being called Pennsylvania's "first green building". Members of the BSA's sustainable-design working group, the Committee on The Environment (formerly Architects for Social Responsibility) have been analyzing the Pennsylvania experience.

While the Pennsylvania building leaves a lot to be desired in terms of design in its suburban-style parking lot, the 73,000-sf regional headquarters building in Harrisburg has all the off-the-shelf sustainable technologies that we should be implementing immediately in all of our commercial office buildings in Massachusetts.

Some of the highlights of the Pennsylvania project include these:

» Enhanced indoor daylighting with combination exterior sunshading devices and light shelves complemented with Armstrong's "Reflectance" 90% reflective acoustical tile ceiling.

» High indoor air quality provided by a raised-floor/displacement ventilation system allowing a 20-30% energy savings over conventional dropped-ceiling HVAC systems with no added floor height. Raised-floor systems allow greater flexibility for altering office interiors and higher occupant satisfaction with easily adjustable "high induction" floor diffusers located conveniently at each workstation. Through the application of "DOE 2" energy modelling, Pennsylvania was able to demonstrate a 50% reduction in energy use when compared to its baseline building with a final annualized energy bill of 75¢/sf.

» The A/C system uses gas-absorption technology with desiccant enthalpy wheels that allows humidity to be removed from the air before being cooled to design temperatures and thus reducing the cooling load by 25 tons.

» Green materials include 100% recycled plastic synthetic fiber coverings on Knoll office systems; Interface Carpets, the manufacturer, takes carpet back for full recycling; decorative wall panels are Phenix Bio-Composites, a formaldehyde-free bio-fiber particle board made of natural wheat.

The analysis of the Pennsylvania project was done by working group members Stacey Thomas, Charlotte Matthews, Affil. BSA, Arlen Li AIA and Martine Dion. The Pennsylvania publication can be found on the Web at www.gggc.state.pa.us/greenbldg/greenhom.htm.

We urge you to join us next at 6:00 pm at the BSA at our **May 25** meeting; we meet at the same time on the fourth Thursday of every month (except August). This month we will be focusing on upcoming projects such as a survey of BSA firms that will help evaluate firm experience, commitment and strengths in green design as a referral tool the BSA can use in response to client inquiries.

And don't forget to attend the green building symposium at Harvard GSD on May 15 organized by Hillary Brown (info@peregrinegroup.com).

Deane Rykerson AIA, Co-Chair
Committee on The Environment

"Box City" rises in western Massachusetts communities

During school-vacation week in April, the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the AIA inaugurated a two-part "Box City" event for local students. It began in April at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke. Over the course of three afternoons, almost three dozen students ages 8 to 11 participated in a combination of interactive discussions, outdoor survey walks, construction projects and role-playing exercises.

Phase II of this delightful event is this month on **May 20** for students in grades two to 12. This month the event is hosted by the Graves Memorial Library and will be held at the Sunderland Elementary School. These events are supported in part through grants from the Holyoke Arts Council and the Sunderland Cultural Council, both of which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

If you would like to have your child participate in the May 20 event in Sunderland or if you would like to volunteer at the event, please write/call Jonathan Salvon AIA at js@kuhniddle.com/413-259-1630.

"Box City" is the nationally recognized program produced by the Center for Understanding the Built Environment in Kansas. Children participate in this effort to demonstrate the processes through which cities and towns are built by building a "city" one "box" at a time. In the process, the children are exposed to issues as diverse as zoning, permitting and aesthetics. In addition to building the "city", children are guided through a process of evaluating the real communities in which they live. For more information, visit www.cubekc.org.

The Boston Civic Design Commission, which reviews major development proposals in Boston, regularly holds its public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. All meetings are at 5:15 pm in the Kane Simonian Room (the BRA Board Room) on the 9th floor of Boston City Hall; meetings are open to the public.

What is the most beautiful project built in your town since 1990 ?

The City of Boston and the BSA annually present the Harleston Parker Award to the designers of the most beautiful project built in the last decade in the 36 cities and towns in the Greater Boston/MDC area.

This year we celebrate a unique shared award to honor Brookline's Lincoln School (designed by Graham Gund Architects) and Harbor Tunnel Vent Building #7 (designed by TAMS, Wallace Floyd Associates, Stull and Lee, URS and Gannett Fleming). The special awards presentation honoring these two projects and their designers is in the Spring; watch this space for details.

In the meantime, the new Harleston Parker Jury for this first year of the new century has begun work to identify the next recipient of this award.

Everyone reading this sentence is invited to nominate one or more projects in this region for this award. Any building or monument or similar structure is eligible; it does not matter who the architect is or was. The project could be as large as the Hancock Tower or as small as a single-family home in any of the three dozen towns in the MDC region. For some background information and guidelines on the award, visit the BSA Web site at www.architects.org (or call/write the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org).

Help us help kids help us

Learning By Design in Massachusetts (LBD) is the collaboration that brings architecture into the classroom, teaches teachers about the power of using design curricula in the classroom, helps young people understand the relationships among buildings, communities and the natural and built worlds, educates the next generation of designers and community leaders, and empowers the next generation to build a better future.

LBD offers programs to K-8 students and their teachers. Programs include six-week architect-in-residence programs, one-day children's workshops, curriculum consultation and teacher training. LBD is advised by a steering committee of architects and educators and led by Polly Carpenter AIA and program director/trainer Jan Ham.

Since the BSA and the Architectural Education Resource Center initiated the program a year ago, we have heard from a number of schools, begun working with children and have trained several dozen architects and teachers to use design curricula

in their classrooms. In addition to the enthusiastic response, LBD has received two start-up grants from the Boston Foundation for Architecture and the American Institute of Architecture College of Fellows. This seed money has been used to print and distribute information about the program, develop curricula and train architects and teachers.

LBD needs support from architects and our allies. Financial contributions to support the effort are needed now to develop new programs, reach out to schools and communities, buy materials and supplies for training workshops, develop online resources for teachers and, most importantly, allow us to keep the fees for programs affordable and provide scholarships to schools unable to pay. We are seeking corporate/firm donations of \$1,000 and individual contributions of \$100 but any amount is welcome. Supporters will be acknowledged in all program materials, the ChapterLetter, and on the BSA's Web site (www.architects.org).

Please send your donation to Learning By Design in Massachusetts, 52 Broad Street, Boston MA 02109. Make checks payable to the Boston Society of Architects or, if you would like to make a tax-deductible charitable contribution, checks may be payable to the Boston Foundation for Architecture at the same address. For more information on LBD, including how you can participate as a volunteer, call/write Polly Carpenter AIA at 617-492-8266/pcarp@erols.com or Jan Ham at 508-528-4517/aerc@norfolk-county.com.

Thank you.

*Camie Henderson AIA
Commissioner of Social Impact
BSA Board of Directors*

Ed. note: The LBD logo that appears in the column at right was designed by 7-year-old Jamaica Plain student/artist Martin Cain.



ArchitectureBoston on view in Philadelphia

During the national AIA Convention in Philadelphia this month (May 4-7), the BSA's quarterly magazine, *ArchitectureBoston*, is being distributed at no cost to many of the 15,000+ architects and allied professionals attending the convention. The magazine earned a national AIA design and editorial award earlier this year and is being highlighted at the Convention. If you were unable to make it to Philadelphia and would like to have some of our new, colorful and oh-so-elegant *ArchitectureBoston* (and Build Boston) pins, you can pick one up with your next AIA Document or other order at The Architects Building.

Designers of New England interiors honored in BSA program

Jurors for the BSA's Interior Architecture/Interior Design Awards program this year honored the six projects pictured below. This biennial BSA program is co-sponsored by the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID); the awards will be presented at Build Boston in November as part of this year's forum on the design of interiors. The jury in this year's program, which will also serve as the panel for the Build Boston awards presentation and forum, included Lindsay Boutros-Ghali AIA (Lindsay Associates, Boston), Myron Miller AIA (Miller Dyer Spears, Boston), Robert Olson AIA

(Robert Olson + Associates, Boston), Mark Ottmann IIDA (Mark Ottmann Design Associates, Boston) and Michael Scanlon ASID (The Office of Michael Scanlon, Boston). The jurors' comments on the general body of work submitted this year (over 80 portfolios) and specific comments on the projects pictured below (including full design and construction credits which space does not permit us to list below) are available on the Web at www.architects.org. Copies of the jurors' comments also may be requested from the BSA: send a 33¢ SASE to Interiors Jury Comments/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109.



HONOR AWARD...*Harrington Performing Arts Center (Worcester MA) designed for the Bancroft School by Taylor MacDougall Burns Architects (Boston)...photo by Steve Rosenthal*



HONOR AWARD...*Puma Sport North American Headquarters (Westford MA) designed for Puma Sport by Jung/Brannen Associates (Boston)...photo by Richard Mandelkorn*



HONOR AWARD...*Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood (Lenox MA) designed for the Boston Symphony Orchestra by William Rawn Associates (Boston)...photo by Steve Rosenthal*



HONOR AWARD...*East Cambridge Neighborhood Health Center (Cambridge MA) designed for the Cambridge Health Alliance by Warner + Associates (Boston)...photo by Greg Premru*



SPECIAL CITATION...*Radius Restaurant (Boston) designed for Christopher Myers and Michael Schlow by Bergmeyer Associates (Boston)...photo by Richard Mandelkorn*



HONOR AWARD...*Thomas Gardner and Edward Everett Schools (Boston) designed for the City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development by Cole and Goyette Architects and Planners (Cambridge MA)...photo by Richard Mandelkorn*

Is Alan Greenspan re-shaping your firm?

Federal Reserve chair Alan Greenspan is worried about inflation, the stock market and the nation's "irrational exuberance" surrounding the current economic boom.

On the off-chance that Greenspan does have something to worry about (witness NASDAQ's recent IPO flu), the BSA is hosting a special day-long workshop on "Recession-Proofing Your Firm" on **June 19** in Boston.

Led by Ray Kogan AIA, the practice-management expert in the Philadelphia office of Zweig White & Associates, this BSA session is designed to provide you with the basic practice tools that will help you plan your firm's near- and longer-term future.

For more details on this session, write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.



Do you have access to digital AIA Documents?

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Looking for Summer interns?

This is the time of year when the BSA begins collecting names and phone numbers of New England design firms that think they may need paid interns during the warm vacation months (May-August).

If you think you may be interested in hiring high-school or college interns for the Summer, write/e-mail a note to Tina Erickson, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109/fax 617-951-0845/bsa@architects.org and give us your firm name, contact-person's name and telephone number/e-mail address.

Questions? Call 617-951-1433x221.

Seven local designers discuss mergers, acquisitions and strategic alliances

In a special full-day BSA workshop on **May 12**, seven local design-firm principals provide case studies of alliances they recently forged with other design firms.

The first half of the workshop is a three-hour interactive session with alliance-building expert Ralph Steinglass FAIA, President of Teambuilders Inc. in New York City. Following lunch, Steinglass facilitates the case-study presentations by **Melissa Bennett AIA** (Butler Bennett Architects, Medford), **Jean Carroon AIA** (Carroon Architects, Boston), **Jeremiah Eck FAIA** (Jeremiah Eck Architects, Boston), **Roger Goldstein FAIA** (Goody, Clancy & Associates, Boston), Clark Griffith (CLG Architects, Arlington), Jim McManus FAIA (The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Glastonbury CT) and **Frank Mead FAIA** (Mead Consulting/Spaulding & Slye Colliers).

For last-minute registration details, call 617-951-1433x221.



Air-barrier technologies draw designers to Boston this month

On **May 25**, the BSA's Building Envelope Committee hosts "Air-Barrier Technologies II", a day-long symposium with an array of Canadian and US experts.

This symposium, a follow-up to last year's inaugural BSA session on air barriers, is at the Sheraton Needham on Route 128. The focus this year is on practical applications of technologies shared by Canadian manufacturers and designers and local New England experts.

For registration details, call 617-951-1433x221.



Do you want or have office space to lease?

The BSA maintains an information clearinghouse for architects seeking to sublet space from/to other industry professionals. If you want to share space, sublet, rent a drafting station, etc., call Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232.

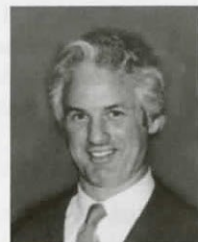
Strategic alliances workshop panelists



Melissa Bennett AIA



Jean Carroon AIA



Jeremiah Eck FAIA



Roger Goldstein FAIA



Frank Mead FAIA

Our virtual future is now

Web-posted meeting notes, agendas, resources, related Web sites, linked discussions, extranets...all of this is possible with current technology and the value to BSA members and allies of having this and similar information accessible on the Internet is significant.

On **May 24**, the BSA's New Technologies Committee hosts a special lunch to discuss/plan the further development of BSA committee and related resources on the Internet. Several BSA committees and working groups already have Web presences and are seeking to expand the use of the Web to include online discussions and archived resources; other BSA groups are interested in beginning to use the Internet to communicate and publicize their work.

If you are involved in a BSA committee or would like to learn more about how you can bring your BSA-related efforts online...or if you are simply a technical savant and are Internet-savvy and would like to help us design the future of BSA committee communications in general, join us for a free lunch on May 24. If you are unable to attend but are interested or have suggestions, e-mail your ideas to ssattler@architects.org. If you plan to join us for lunch on May 24, RSVP to bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221 to reserve a lunch.

*Rick Gleason AIA, Chair
New Technologies Committee*

You can limit CADD liabilities

CADD danger zones include defects, incompatibility, transmission errors, inaccuracies, unauthorized changes and viruses.

Common client uses of CADD documents and related issues of importance are project archives, delivery to third parties, subsequent projects, facility management and record drawings.

"Despite its advantages, the growth of CADD has been a mixed blessing" for design professionals, according to the Poole Professional Ltd. newsletter, *AE Risk Review*. In a two-part report on limiting CADD liabilities, the Poole newsletter focuses on risks and remedies and on contractual and ownership issues. For a copy of this two-part report (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 55¢ SASE to CADD Liabilities/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 55¢ SASE.

Universal design conference set for Providence

For a week beginning on **June 14**, Boston's Adaptive Environments hosts an international conference on universal design at the Providence Convention Center.

With the collaboration of the Center for Universal Design in North Carolina, the Rhode Island School of Design, the US Access Board, the BSA and two dozen other national and international design-related institutions and agencies, Adaptive Environments will showcase state-of-the-art universal design practice in environments, products and information technology. International design experts will lead interactive sessions on universal design in education and the larger contexts of social justice, sustainable development, urban planning and successful business practices.

For a full conference program, send requests to 21stcentury@adaptenv.org or visit the Web site at www.adaptenv.org.

Fee-setting made easy

"A Quick and Easy Guide to 3 Methods of Setting Fees" is the title of a recent three-page article in the national Principal's Report newsletter. Based on the extensive fee-setting experience and workshop presentations on fee-setting by Sasaki Associates CEO Ken DeMay FAIA, a BSA member in Watertown, the article focuses on fees oriented around construction costs, fees oriented around the time need to do the work, and fees oriented around the value of the work to the client. This is a useful guide and it is available from the BSA. For a copy (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 33¢ SASE to Fee Options/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 33¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to Principal's Report, call 212-244-0360.)

Putting a value on your firm

"Why It's Important to Value Your Firm — and How to Do It" is the title of a recent article in *Principal's Report* by Kenneth Pia Jr. and Walter King II of Synergy Valuations in New York City. The report, of special interest in this era of mergers/acquisitions/strategic alliances, focuses on practice issues such as a principal's death or disability, estate planning, divorce, buy-ins/buy-outs, ESOPs and other issues that affect firm valuation. How to determine value, how to assess risks, and other critical issues are addressed in this brief piece, which is available from the BSA. For a copy of this article (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 33¢ SASE to Firm Valuation/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 33¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to *Principal's Report*, call 212-244-0360.)

Success and art, AutoCAD, lighting design and public work are at issue this month

Defining and promoting the value of architectural services, serving our communities, strengthening our professional networks, and otherwise becoming more effective and successful at what we and our allies do as building industry professionals are at the core of the BSA network. Among the mechanisms available to Massachusetts architects and our allies are the scores of issue-oriented working groups that constitute the BSA. For a complete guide to BSA committees and task forces, write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221. Here are a few examples of the efforts in which members and non-members are engaged today. Select one for yourself and join us...and earn AIA Learning Units in the process.

» **AutoCAD users** — A new AutoCAD Users Group was formed at the BSA last month and invites all AutoCAD users at all levels of expertise to join us for our monthly information-sharing sessions. We are just getting under way and want to focus on everything from CAD layer standards to xrefs to plotting and on and on and on. Join us and bring along your own office standards ideas to debate or share. For our meeting schedule, more information and to make suggestions, write Bo Walter at bwalter@jpap.com or Sean Burke at sburke@ega.net.

» **Mid-size firms** — Principals and others working in mid-size design firms began meeting in January to explore common design and practice issues including human resources/staffing, project management, office technology and everything else that affects the way mid-size firms operate. The group is open to everyone who thinks she or he is in a mid-size firm. We meet for lunch at noon at the BSA on the 4th Monday of each month; join us on **May 22**...call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org to reserve your lunch. For more information, call/write Richard Fitzgerald at 617-951-1433x232/rfitzgerald@architects.org.

» **Marketing & PR directors** — Marketing and PR directors of design and construction firms gather monthly for breakfast at the BSA and focus on a specific issue at each gathering. We meet for breakfast on the 4th Wednesday of each month; join us this month on **May 24**. For more information, call/write Janet Shotwell (978-526-4386/oldarch@shore.net).

» **Lighting design** — Teambuilding and human resources issues for small firms were the issues addressed in recent months at the Small Firms Practice Committee regular lunch meeting. Join us this month on **May 18** when we discuss lighting design.

For more information on this committee, call/write **Deborah Pierce AIA** (617-964-1311/dpiercelam@aol.com) or Shelly Ziegelman AIA (781-721-4766/szarch@earthlink.net).

» **Indoor air quality** — The BSA's Indoor Air Quality Committee, well-known for publishing the BSA's *Indoor Air Quality/A Design Guide* by Wagdy Anis AIA, now meets on the second Monday of each month (except August) at the BSA and everyone in the building industry interested in indoor air quality issues is urged to join us. Chaired by Anis and Boston attorney Sarah Gibson, the Committee is now preparing a second publication and is addressing a broad range of public-policy issues. Join us on **May 8** at the BSA for lunch; call 617-951-1433x221 to reserve your lunch now.

» **"Success is the Enemy of Art"** — Design architect Ed Frenette AIA leads a discussion of the ways in which success shapes (or misshapes) the art of architecture at this month's Design Committee breakfast on **May 23**. Our annual agenda includes roundtable discussions with leading designers, critics, educators and others and we focus on the large issues (and on design details). We also assess BSA design awards programs and we sponsor the annual BSA Unbuilt Architecture Design Awards program. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month for breakfast at 8:00 am at the BSA; join us. For more details, call/write Robert Brown AIA (617-262-4354/brown@cvtarchitects.com) or Ed Frenette AIA (617-547-5400/efrenette@smma.com).

» **Public work** — A new BSA lunch group welcomes firm principals, project managers and others who have a special interest in the issues surrounding public work in Massachusetts. We are focusing on everything from designer-selection to contract management to fee-retention. Join us at noon on the third Friday of each month at the BSA; this month it is **May 19**. For more information, e-mail BSA President Michael Hicks AIA at dmbhicks@dhkinc.com.

Members and non-members, architects and non-architects, are invited to taste the opportunities offered by these and over five dozen similar BSA networks of architects and allied professionals. For more information on any of these groups, call/write 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org and ask for the Guide to Committees and Task Forces. (Chairs of all BSA committees and task forces are invited to contribute to this column regularly. To ensure that meeting notes are conveyed to the BSA Web site, committee chairs should call/write Sarah Lainie Smith at 617-951-1433x222/ssmith@architects.org.)



Deborah Pierce AIA



Wagdy Anis AIA



Ed Frenette AIA



Michael Hicks AIA

Health insurance is available to members

The latest element in the package of insurance benefits available from the BSA to AIA members throughout Massachusetts is a Blue Cross/Blue Shield program that is very competitively priced for large firms and offers special benefits for small firms.

Surveys of BSA members guided us in the selection of a provider of health insurance for members. Price, the compatibility of the new plan with existing coverage in your firm, the reliability and reputation of the insurance company providing coverage, and the excellence of the plan itself are the four primary criteria defined by members. Application of these criteria to the plans proposed to the BSA by insurance companies led over two years ago to the selection of Blue Cross/Blue Shield as our provider.

Among the benefits we are able to receive through the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans are these:

- ◆ **Firms of over 50 employees** (the minimum number of employees mandated by State law) enjoy competitive rates based on the buying power of the BSA.
- ◆ **Firms ranging in size from 10 to 50 employees** enjoy the same rates that we might be able to get on our own; however, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan guarantees an experienced, trusted broker who has worked with the BSA for two decades and, at no cost to your firm, Blue Cross/Blue Shield pays the BSA a small fee to administer the program (which means support for the BSA and no dues or premium increases associated with the insurance plan).
- ◆ **Small firms with under 10 employees — including one-employee firms** — benefit from the BSA group rate, which means you don't have to join a business association or other group to get access to group-rate insurance. We also benefit from the BSA's experience with its broker and access to a respected plan. (Recent legislation has caused many insurers to stop offering health insurance to small businesses and/or individuals, which makes this BSA/Blue Cross plan even more useful for members.)

Blue Cross has designated architects as a "preferred" industry; this will have a positive impact on current and future rates. Guaranteed coverage with no limitations for pre-existing conditions and the option to offer alternative Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans in your firm are among other advantages of this BSA program.

For more information on this health insurance package available to AIA members throughout the State, call Ed Steel at 617-245-5400.

Other insurance programs

Steel can also fill you in on other BSA insurance programs including:

- ◆ Blue Cross/Blue Shield dental insurance for firms with at least 10 employees (no claim forms, competitive rates, two plan options, your choice of dentist, etc.).
- ◆ Long-term disability insurance for firms with at least 10 employees (through UNUM — the largest carrier of this type of insurance, a 15% discount available exclusively through the BSA program, a policy that can be designed to match your current coverage, etc.).
- ◆ Group life insurance available to everybody with special discounts for firms with at least 10 employees (good coverage at lower prices also provided by UNUM).
- ◆ Short-term disability insurance, individual disability plans, and even automobile insurance discounts are available through the BSA programs.

*Elliot Rothman AIA and Carl Sutera
Co-Chairs, Health Plan Task Force*

Do you need these?

Office and architectural supplies, long-distance phone service, overnight delivery services, car rentals, car leasing, equipment leasing, automobile insurance, a credit card, computer equipment, liability insurance, legal advice, life insurance, disability insurance, business overhead expense insurance, workers' compensation insurance, homeowners' insurance, a retirement program?

If you need any of these things, you may want to investigate the national AIA members' benefits programs that provide all of these things and more.

For details, call (for national insurance programs) Ann Marie Boyden at 202-626-7300 or (for all the other business and professional services listed above) call/write Kenna Wood at 202-626-7300/
woodk@aiaemail.aia.org.

Continuing-education alert

Last chance to register for these three BSA workshops:

◆ **Strategic Alliances: Mergers, Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, Associations and Other Alliances** (May 12)

◆ **Air-Barrier Technologies II** (May 25)

◆ **Recession-Proofing Your Firm** (June 19)

*For details and registration information, write/call
bsa@architects.org/
617-951-1433x221.*

Architects handbook is a valuable practice tool

The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice had been the profession's primary manual of practice for over 80 years. To reflect the changing dynamics of the profession, its scope of activities, and the evolving requirements to build and manage a successful practice, the Handbook is revised periodically. The new 12th edition was published in late 1994 and is available from the BSA.

This new edition of the four-volume Handbook is divided into five major sections:

◆ **Tools.** A roadmap of the *Handbook* including a series of locators, a complete index, key words, definitions, documents, and a directory of sources of additional information. This completely new section — with its series of helpful tools, alerts, and pointers indicated by icons in the margins — is designed to facilitate use of the entire Handbook.

◆ **Architects.** Chapters on architects and our profession, education, career opportunities, and professional standards; new career choices and opportunities in practice areas are highlighted.

◆ **Firms.** Chapters on the formation of firms, marketing, human resources, financial management, and the dynamics of running the firm; evolving working relationships (joint ventures, project management, etc.) now available to architects.

◆ **Projects.** Chapters on project initiation and acquisition, negotiation, project management, design services, design parameters, design documentation, construction bidding, and contract administration; evolving nuances of project participation and new opportunities for architects.

◆ **Documents.** A complete reference set of the AIA Contract Documents including the 23 documents revised since 1994.

In addition to the revised contents and 13 new topics, the most dramatic difference in the new edition is the graphics. Color-coding and icons allow quick and easy access to the contents; liberal use of colorful charts, graphs and diagrams also facilitate comprehension and retention of information. Commentaries and explanations of text are color-coordinated to guide the reader to specific sections and specific types of information.

The new topics in the revised edition of the Handbook include: architecture as a career choice, the small practice, firm start-up, computer applications and practice, the small project, services and compensation, project scheduling, negotiating agreements, construction agreements, and much more.

The Handbook is not only the most comprehensive, user-friendly practice tool ever published, you can also earn AIA Learning Units simply by using it. This is one set of tools that should be on every architect's desk.

To order the four-volume set, call the BSA at 617-951-1433x221 and we will fax or mail you an order form or you can place a credit-card order when you call.



If you are a design-firm principal...

...and if you are interested in exploring mergers, finding new partners, buying other firms, selling your own firm, or otherwise assessing the possibility of significant business and career changes at the partner/principal level, call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232). We maintain a confidential service for design-firm principals exploring new options but not interested in advertising that exploration in the usual ways. And join us this month on **May 12** for a special BSA workshop on mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, associations and other strategic alliances; for registration details, write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221.

Project team enlightens BSA

Since the BSA acquired and occupied The Architects Building over a decade ago, the single most consistent complaint about the building has been the inappropriate and inadequate lighting in the fifth- and sixth-floor meeting rooms.

The problem is solved. An extraordinary project team of lighting design expert **Jeff Berg AIA** (Berg/Howland Associates), **Ken MacLean AIA** (Amsler Woodhouse MacLean Architects) and John Koning (State Electric Corp.), assembled at the direction of 1999 BSA President Charles Tseckares FAIA, analyzed the problems (inadequate lighting fixtures, too few lights, wrong kind of light, etc.) and designed and installed the solution over the past several months. The project team came in on budget, on schedule and in amazingly good spirits.

The lighting now includes a mix of gallery lights and warm fluorescents that may be used in a half-dozen different combinations to provide the best possible lighting (or absence of lighting) for everything from committee meetings to cocktail parties to workshops.

For more information it's Jeff Berg AIA at bha@berghowland.com/617-661-2030, Ken MacLean AIA at kmaclea@awmarchitects.com/617-523-0442 and John Koning at 781-933-5255.



Jeff Berg AIA



Ken MacLean AIA

New members honored and welcomed at BSA

Architects, interns, Corporate Affiliates and other new BSA members who have joined in the past several months are welcomed at a special reception on **May 10** hosted by BSA President Michael Hicks AIA.

These biannual receptions are designed to welcome new members to the BSA and to engage them quickly in BSA activities of interest. Committee chairs, Board members and other BSA leaders gather with BSA members to strengthen and enlarge the new members' professional and career networks at every level.

For more information on these events, which are hosted by the BSA Membership Committee, write/call staff coordinator Penny Mitchell at the BSA (pmitchell@architects.org/617-951-1433x228).

Do you want your work on television?

"Before & After", a television series broadcast to more than 60 million homes on the Home and Garden Television Network, is expanding to the Boston area and is seeking two or three dozen dramatic residential remodeling projects by BSA members. Each half-hour segment shows project floorplans, highlights construction, and tours the finished home with the homeowner and the architect. The series also includes a photographic segment that features already-completed whole-house remodeling projects. For more details about this television series, call/write Stephen Sattler at 617-951-1433x223/ssattler@architects.org.

The same network is also coming to Boston to produce two, 26-week series entitled "Kitchen Design" and "Bed and Bath Design". Over 140 homes in our region will be profiled beginning right now. These two programs are entering their sixth season and this is an excellent opportunity to show off BSA members' talents. In addition to being profiled on this national television program, you will receive on-camera credit. To take advantage of this opportunity, call/write the Above the Line Programming Group at 978-369-5515/aboveline@aol.com.

Two architects win mayoral elections

Former BSA member and BSA/BAC Scholarship-recipient **Jeff Kagermeier AIA** was elected the Mayor of Mankato, Minnesota in a special election in February. An active AIA member in Minnesota as he was in Boston, Kagermeier also serves on the Board of Directors of AIA Minneapolis.

Another colleague, John Hooker AIA, has been elected Mayor of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque in New Mexico. A former president of AIA Albuquerque and a member of the Congress for the New Urbanism, Hooker ran and won on a platform focused on design and planning issues.

Taking an active role in public policy-making does work. For more information about these two astute architects now leading their communities, visit their Web sites at www.mankato-freepress.com and www.villr.cam/mayor.htm.

To hone your own political skills and to work with your colleagues in Boston and throughout the state on public-policy issues, write/call Legislative Affairs Committee staff coordinator Alexandra Lee at alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x225.

Lee and Bodurow succeeded

Long-time BSA SeaPort Focus Team co-chairs **Todd Lee FAIA** and **Constance Bodurow AICP, Assoc. AIA** were credited recently by the BSA Board of Directors for their extraordinary leadership over the past several years in the BSA's effort to contribute to public understanding of development proposals for the new South Boston Seaport District.

Lee and Bodurow (who recently departed for a significant new position in Detroit) led the large group of architects, planners and allied professionals who developed the well-publicized "BSA Barometer" designed to help the public weigh each new proposed development against the City's/BRA own excellent plan.

While commending Lee and Bodurow for their work and the work of their Focus Team members, the Board of Directors also welcomed their successors. The new co-chairs of the Seaport Focus Team are Bissera Antikarov, Assoc. AIA (a previous Focus Team activist with S E A Consultants), Peter Kuttner FAIA (a past-president of the BSA and managing principal of Cambridge Seven Associates) and Marc Margulies AIA (a current BSA Board Member and president of Margulies & Associates).

For more information on the Focus Team's current work, write/call staff coordinator Alexandra Lee at the BSA (alee@architects.org/617-951-1433x225).



Jeff Kagermeier AIA



Todd Lee FAIA



Constance Bodurow AICP, Assoc. AIA

photo: Emilie Troup P.E.

photo: Andrea Levat

Are architects and specifiers your customers?

If you are a building industry manufacturer, distributor, supplier, vendor or other professional seeking to sell building products or building materials to architects and other design and construction industry professionals, you should be exhibiting your products and materials at the 16th anniversary edition at Build Boston, the U.S. building industry convention and tradeshow in November.

There was a waiting list for exhibitors-come-lately for the past three years, so we urge you to call the BSA/Build Boston marketing team now at 617-951-1433x301 or 800-544-1898.

Ed. note: The BSA marketing team also can help you reach architects throughout the year through other venues such as the BSA quarterly magazine, this newsletter and numerous other advertising/sponsorship opportunities.

Consultants, contractors and manufacturers list available

Enclosed with this issue of the ChapterLetter is the Spring 2000 edition of the BSA's popular Guide to Consultants, Contractors and Manufacturers. This 16th edition is the largest ever as the range and number of consultants, contractors and manufacturers grows rapidly.

The Guide is a simple way to find contractors, construction managers, engineers, architectural photographers, CADD and plotting services, accountants, product suppliers and scores of other resources. This unique guide is also available around the clock on the Web at www.architects.org. To be listed in the next edition of the Guide, write/call me at the BSA at mcurran@architects.org/617-951-1433x234. The deadline for the Fall 2000 edition is **September 15**.

Melissa Curran, Guide Editor

There is no August

As always, the BSA publishes a combined July/August issue of the ChapterLetter. For events and news that you wish to have appear in the July/August issue, the deadline is **May 17** for all text and images.

Young designers build their (and our) future at half the cost

For young designers who join the BSA/AIA as students or shortly after graduating from architecture school, the benefits of membership include better jobs, a richer understanding of the profession and a network of colleagues, mentors and friends. Because we recognize the importance of this early connection with the BSA/AIA, the BSA has lowered dues significantly for designers entering the profession.

For these unlicensed professionals, dues have been reduced by 50% and designers can become members by paying the BSA only \$40 for twelve months of local and national programs and publications (national dues for these "Associate AIA" members is only \$87). Associate AIA members participate in all BSA/AIA events and committees and several special programs are specifically for young designers. IDP advisors, courses and support, the Young Architects Committee, the Young Architects Design Awards program, the BSA's Young Designers Professional Development Institute are all targeted to young designers and address job opportunities and career information and training. The BSA's community/urban design committees offer additional opportunities for career advancement and professional and community involvement.

Perhaps you know recent architecture school graduates or young designers who would enjoy and benefit from BSA/AIA membership. Tell them about the 50% dues reduction, encourage them to call the BSA for membership information, remind them that all BSA/AIA programs and events are open to everyone, e-mail them a link to the BSA Web site (www.architects.org) and bring them to your next BSA committee meeting. They will be glad you did...and you will too.

George Takoudes AIA, Chair
Membership Committee

Ed. note: The Membership Committee is also serving as the "client" for the year-long BSA Focus on Membership study our consultants are now completing. The study includes a broad and deep focus on membership opportunities for all BSA constituencies from architecture-school students to retired practitioners to allied professionals and the public. Join us at our regular Membership Committee meetings on the first Wednesday of every month for lunch at the BSA at noon.



George Takoudes AIA

Not ready to merge? On May 12, the BSA sponsors a special full-day workshop on joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions, associations and other strategic alliances (see p. 9 for details). The BSA also has available an interesting packet of materials on such alliances. "Not Ready to Merge? Take Another Look at Strategic Alliances" is the title of the latest addition to the BSA information packet; this addition is a three-page article from the 4/00 issue of *Design Firm Management & Administration Report*. Related articles in the BSA packet focus on why mergers and acquisitions succeed or fail, insurance issues applicable to such issues and a variety of related issues. To order a copy of the packet (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests (no cover letter required) with a 77¢, 9"x12" SASE to M&A/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should include a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 77¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to *Design Firm Management & Administration Report*, call 212-244-0360.)

The 3D CAD Shoot-Out for architectural CADD systems, inaugurated at Build Boston five years ago, this year is scheduled for June 6-8 at the A/E/C Systems convention in Washington DC. This year the event will be Web-cast worldwide on June 7 and any architect throughout the world is welcome to compete. For details, visit founder Geoff Langdon AIA's Web site at www.architecturalcadd.com/shootout.html.

Design/build contracts are the focus of a recent Principal's Report checklist designed to "help you cover the main provisions any design/build contract should incorporate." For a copy of this article (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 33¢ SASE to Design/Build Contracts/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$10.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the 33¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to Principal's Report, call 212-244-0360.)

AutoCAD users assemble again, for the first time in a long time, for regular monthly meetings at the BSA. For details, write Bo Walter at bwalter@jpape.com or Sean Burke at sburke@ega.net.

A for-profit university has opened for business in Massachusetts. According to a recent report in *The Boston Globe*, the University of Phoenix apparently has 15 campuses or satellite centers in 15 states and an enrollment of 68,000 students. The *Globe* reports that the school has received approval of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to compete with the 84 public and private colleges and universities in this state. The University of Phoenix, according to the report, hopes to draw working

professionals for its Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Business Administration.

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott invites all ChapterLetter readers to a special reception on May 17 (6:00-7:30 pm at the BAC) to celebrate the opening of a special BAC exhibit of photographs and models of the 125-year-old firm's work. The exhibit is based on the 140-page corporate history of the firm published last year that traces its evolution from H.H. Richardson to the 200-person firm of today. Don't miss this significant slice of Boston's design history.

The Nantucket lightship, the historic illuminated vessel that guided ships away from dangerous areas off our shores in another era, was put up for sale on eBay, the Internet auction site, by the MDC in March. According to *The Boston Globe*, the minimum required bid was \$25,000...but the *Globe* reported that there were efforts by one or more state agencies to halt the sale of what some view as one of the state's historical treasures.

Illumination design awards are the focus of the May 25 International Illumination Design Awards Banquet at the Seaport Hotel. For details, call 617-746-5515 (Doreen LeMay Madden).

The Design Management Journal, for those who may have missed it, continues to be an interesting, Boston-based publication focusing on corporate/business design issues and related explorations of how design affects organizations of all kinds. For subscription details, write/call dmistaff@dmj.org/617-338-6380.

Livable communities will be the focus of the national AIA Convention in Denver next year (May 17-19, 2001). If you are interested in sharing your expertise/knowledge/successes, increasing your visibility and role as a leader in the profession, and helping to elevate the national discussion of livable communities, you may wish to consider proposing a workshop or other presentation for the Denver convention. Proposals are due next month on June 19; for details, write/call ecole@aia.org/202-626-7445.

Looking for work abroad? The BSA is working with the U.S. Department of Commerce to make information about design work available overseas more easily accessible to BSA members. The Commerce Department's primary tool is a Web site (www.stat-usa.gov) and a companion site (www.usatrade.gov) that offers information on foreign commercial services. For navigation assistance, the BSA's Commerce Department ally in Boston is Phil Minard at phil.minard@mail.doc.gov/617-424-5956.

Site design, energy design, materials selection, recycling, links to the community, a check-list for sustainable architectural design, a check-list for



Are your accounts receivable? The new, very tactful BSA accounts-receivable management service described in recent issues of the *ChapterLetter* can be explored by calling Janet Allison, who directs this service for the BSA, at 617-951-1433x304.

sustainable offices, establishing "green" priorities, sustainable "practices", and the LEED green building rating system criteria are among the issues addressed in a collection of article reprints assembled by the BSA. For a copy of this package of reprints (available only by mail), AIA members in Massachusetts should send requests with a \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE to SD/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; non-members should enclose a \$15.00 handling fee payable to the BSA along with the \$1.21, 9"x12" SASE.

Learning By Design in Massachusetts, another of the BSA's several programs focused specifically on schoolchildren, is seeking materials for these hands-on programs in Massachusetts public schools. Of most value would be model scraps and used models, carpet and material samples, paper, trace, those outdated T-squares...and someone willing to provide additional storage space for these materials. If you or your firm is looking for a good home for unwanted materials or if you are lucky enough to have some extra storage space, please call/write Learning By Design program director Jan Ham at 508-528-4517/ aerc@norfolk-county.com.

Two technology Web sites were recently launched by the BSA. The New Technologies Committee's new site provides information and articles on Internet connections, extranets, office technology and more. The Committee on Design Software site features 42 interlinked Web pages focusing on software information, vendors, reviews, etc. Both sites can be reached through the BSA Web site — www.architects.org...click on "Committees" and then on "Committee News".

Industry classified ads work. Job listings for the entire industry are published regularly by the BSA. The "Building Industry Classifieds" comes with each monthly ChapterLetter; it also is available on the BSA Web site (www.architects.org). It includes notices not only for architects but for engineers, contractors, construction managers, landscape architects, interior designers, urban designers, planners, facility managers and others throughout the building industry in New England. For a rate sheet, call 617-951-1433x234, fax your request to 617-951-0845, or e-mail your request to mcurren@architects.org (include your fax number in the e-mail)...or visit the Building Industry Classified on the BSA Web site.

The new telephone and e-mail directory of members is available from the BSA. This pocket-size directory — generously underwritten by The Karsten Company — includes daytime telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all members in Massachusetts and for BSA Corporate Affiliate members. The directory has been mailed free to Massachusetts AIA members and BSA

Corporate Affiliate members; additional copies are \$15.00/\$10.00 for BSA members (plus tax & handling) and order forms are available from the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/bsa@architects.org or use the Design Resources catalog order form inserted in this issue of the ChapterLetter (it is item #223) or download the order form from the BSA Web site at www.architects.org (click on "Publications and Resources" then "Resources").

Architect friends of Bill W. meet monthly for lunch in downtown Boston. For details, call 508-660-6050 and leave a message.

Who should get credit for design work ?

In the past decade, 10 major decisions on cases brought before the AIA National Ethics Council focused on the issue of taking or giving appropriate credit for design work. The BSA has assembled a full package of information that includes the AIA Code of Ethics and all of the written decisions and advisory opinions issued by the Ethics Council on issues such as inaccurate attribution of credit and the failure to give credit, uncompensated design services, referral fees and conflicts of interest, misrepresentation of qualifications, the withholding of photographs and other material from former employees, negligent interpretation of zoning regulations, endorsements and conflicts of interest, employment discrimination based on gender, supplanting, the failure to get clients' consents to design changes, the use of other architects' drawings, manufacturers' indemnifications and conflicts of interest, the failure to report employees' lies or misstatements of qualifications, etc. For a copy of this 134-page packet (it's only available by mail), send \$40.00 (\$20.00 for AIA members in Massachusetts) and a 9"x12" SASE (\$3.00) to Ethics Package/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109.



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FAIA, Philadelphia

Competitions/Awards/Grants

BSA Design Awards Programs (see pp. 3 & 8)...
Catalina/Secession "political architecture" fantasy competition; 7/4 reg. deadline; 323-925-8393/
<http://frank.org>...**Brooklyn Heights River Promenade** design competition; 10/31 reg. deadline; and
Public Spaces of San Giorgio design competition; 7/1 reg. deadline; both competitions run by Urban Studies and Architecture Institute, NYC; 212-727-2157/ldusaint@aol.com; cash prizes and study grants
 ...**Sun Wall national design competition**; 7/1 reg. deadline; \$20K prize; www.doe-sunwall.org (U.S. Department of Energy)...**Monument to the Third Millennium**; \$50K prize; 6/16 deadline; www.monumentcompetition.com (Government of Puerto Rico)...**Isla Vista Revitalization** urban-design competition; mid-May deadline; www.co.santa-barbara.ca.us...**Shakertown photo contest** (Western Red Cedar shingles and siding uses); 5/31 deadline; 800-426-8970...**Heritage Center Design Competition** (Mammoth Cave, Kentucky); May deadline; \$10K first prize and possible commission; 270-781-6858/spencerwkc@aol.com...**(Re)Visioning Chapala** ideas competition; May deadline; 805-893-2724/www.uam.ucsb.edu...**Palos Verdes Art Center** design competition; 7/1 deadline; www.pvartcenter.org...**Historic preservation grants**; Mass. Historical Commission grants program/\$300,000; www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc or 617-727-8470...
"Competitions" magazine reports regularly on competition results and related information; for a subscription, call 502-451-3623...**Predevelopment Assistance Program** funds to support early-stage economic development projects in Massachusetts; rolling deadlines; 800-445-8030 (Mass. Development Finance Agency)...**Victorian-era buildings** (exteriors or interiors), public places, open spaces, etc.; Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd., Brighton MA 02135...**AIA Honors & Awards Programs** including the Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney

A schedule of annual BSA, AIA New England, & national AIA design awards programs is available on the very cool BSA Web site at www.architects.org or call 617-951-1433x221.

Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, AIA College of Fellows, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture, Young Architects Citation, Library Building Awards, Institute Honors, Architecture Firm Award, Henry Bacon Medal, Topaz Medallion for Education, Brick in Architecture Awards, Interior Architecture Awards, Concrete Masonry Design Awards, Cedar Design Awards, etc.; deadlines vary; 617-951-1433 x221 (ask for the Annual Awards Schedule)...
Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship Program; annual AIA/AAF Scholarships; 202-626-7511 (Mary Felber)...**Aga Khan Award**, Program Procedures, 32 chemin des Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland (\$500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...**AIAS student competitions**; programs & deadlines vary; 202-626-7472...**NIAE student competitions**; 212-924-7000...**Fulbright grants** for architects and urban planners; www.iie.org/cies; 202-686-4000 (fax 202-362-3442)...**NEA design project grants & individual grants/fellowships** (up to \$20K) for designers; 202-682-5437...**The MacDowell Colony** Residency for architects; 1/15, 4/15 & 9/15 seasonal deadlines; www.macdowellcolony.org 603-924-3886...For details on the American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship and numerous AIA-related fellowships and scholarships for minorities/

disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research, and other purposes, including The RTKL Traveling Fellowship, call 202-626-7511 and, for the AIA/AHA Fellowship in Health Facilities Design, call 202-626-7429.

Workshops/Conferences

Build Boston 2000; 200 workshops/350 product exhibits; www.buildboston.com...**Construction law workshops**: "Overview of Public Construction Law" (5/16); Waltham; 781-235-2680 (AGC)...**"Business Leaders Forum"**; 5/11, Boston; Nadine Yates, 978-897-0474...**Classical architecture** summer program; 6/9-7/22, New York City; www.isca-nyc.org 917-237-1208 (Institute of Classical Architecture)...**"Preservation and Growth on Campuses"** panel discussion; 5/7, Phillips Academy, Andover; 978-749-4015 (Julie Bernson)...**Summer architecture program**; Roger Williams University; architecture/arts/historic preservation programs for professionals and students; 401-254-3607...**Landscape design workshops**; 7/22-23, 7/24-28; Conway School, Conway MA; 413-369-4044...**"Mass. Construction Contract, Lien & Collection Law"** seminar; 5/23, Boston; 715-833-3959...**"New Ways of Seeing Old Buildings"**; SPNEA symposium; 5/20, Boston; 617-227-3957x270...**"Lighting for Residential Spaces"** seminar; 5/17, Boston; 617-261-3995 (ASID)...**Design/Build Summer program**; Warren VT; 888-496-5541/www.yestermorrow.org...**Historic Preservation** courses; Campbell Center, Illinois; May-Oct; 815-244-1173...**Environmental Design/World Congress** for the New Millennium; 11/8-22, Seoul; www.millenniumED.org...**Healthcare Facility Planning** workshops; Jan-May; Harvard GSD Executive Education Program; 617-495-4731...**Urban Management**; 3/15-12/15, Milan; 011-39-02-47719155/info@domac.it (Domus Academy)...**"Unmasking the City"** conference; 5/11-13, Ottawa/Hull; 613-241-3600 or 416-449-6898...**Northeastern University Center** for Continuing Education **Building Design and Management** courses; 617-320-8000...**Wentworth Institute of Technology** professional and continuing studies programs; 617-442-9010x446...**BAC continuing ed.** programs; 617-536-3170...**GSD professional development** program; 617-495-1680; **Career Discovery Summer program**; 6/26-8/4; www.gsd.harvard.edu/cardisc 617-495-5453...**Jewish Vocational Service** career, job-hunting and related workshops; 617-965-7940...**Women's Educational and Industrial Union** career services workshops and other services on job-hunting and other career issues; 617-536-5657...**MIT Center for Real-Estate** Summer Institute professional development courses; 617-253-4373...**BU Program for Real-Estate Studies**; 617-353-3013...**North Bennet Street School** Summer workshops on preservation carpentry, fine wood-working, etc.; May-Aug; 617-227-0155.

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours

BSA International Architectural Tours Program; 800-272-8808 or 415-955-2753 (see p. 7)...**BSA exhibits** (see pp. 2 & 4)...**North Bennet Street School** annual exhibit of new work by students through 5/14; 617-227-0155...**Phila. Furniture & Furnishings Show** 5/12-14, Phila.; 215-440-0718...**Preservation Worcester** lecture on Quinsigamond Village; 5/16, Worcester; 508-754-8760...**Greek Isles cruise** for architects; 10/8-16; 800-975-7775...**"Earth Night"** fund-raiser for Mass. Environmental League; 5/20, Fan Pier

Courthouse; 617-742-8822...**Illumination Design Awards Banquet**; 5/25, Seaport Hotel, Boston; 617-746-5515 (Doreen Madden)...**Northeastern lecture series**; Glenn Loury (5/18); Northeastern University Center for the Arts; 617-373-2347...**MIT Lectures/Exhibits**: Boston waterfront photo exhibit (through May); 617-253-4412/annesim@mit.edu; Aga Khan Program lectures: Contemporary Libyan Architecture (date TBA); 617-253-1400...**Harvard GSD lectures/exhibits**: Rei Kawakubo and Comme des Garçons exhibit (5/4-31), Commencement Exhibit (6/1-8/18); 617-495-4784; Aga Kahn Program lectures: Sasanian Art (5/4); 617-495-2355...**Roger Williams lectures/exhibits**: Michael Rotondi (date TBA); degree candidates exhibit (5/15-22); 401-254-3681...**Archaeology of the Central Artery** lectures, tours, etc.; 617-727-9268 (Mary Collins) or 617-727-8470 (Ann-Eliza Lewis)...**Boston By Foot** lecture and field trip series/volunteer guide training; "The Subterranean City" (5/13 lecture); "The Contemporary City" (5/20 lecture); tours of the Freedom Trail, Victorian Back Bay, The Waterfront, Beacon Hill, The North End, Boston Underground, "Boston By Little Feet", and special tour of Coolidge Corner on 5/28; 617-367-2345/www.bostonbyfoot.com...**SPNEA** programs & Gropius House tours (year-round); Beacon Hill walking tour (May-Oct); 617-227-3956...**MIT Museum** exhibit of the work of Doc Edgerton; 617-253-4405...**Historic architectural drawings** exhibit at the Library of Congress; 800-551-7328...**"The Four Shapes of Boston"**, a slide-lecture on **Boston's architectural history** available to rent (with speaker); 617-367-2345...**Art & architecture tours** of the BPL; 617-536-400x212...**Black Heritage Trail** (year-round; 617-742-5415)...**Freedom Trail Tours** (Apr.-Nov.; 617-242-5642).

Community Opportunities

"Learning By Design in Massachusetts"; BSA partnership with school-based program; architects encouraged to call/write 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org...**Restoration & Renovation** conference workshop proposals solicited for 1/01 conference; 6/1 deadline; 800-982-6247/hwolf@egieshib.com...
Design professionals sought for Boston Learning Society seminars in Needham (a BSA partnership program); 781-453-9800...**Teachers/Practitioners**: the BAC is seeking instructors in the decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures (many of these related to the A.R.E.); 617-536-3170x258...**The Boston Museum of Science** is looking for professionals to **teach problem-solving**, computer applications, your favorite interdisciplinary topics, and a variety of other courses; call 617-589-0364 (Brent Jackson)...**Wentworth Institute** is **seeking constructive and compassionate architects** to serve as design critics; call Herb Fremin at 617-442-9010x425.

Publication Opportunities

ArchitectureBoston, the BSA quarterly magazine; for editorial and advertising requirements, call/write Nancy Jenner at 617-951-1433x227/njenner@architects.org...**Small, well-designed houses** designed by AIA members in Massachusetts are being sought for a new book titled *Not So Big House Design Book*; call 800-926-8776x449 (Steve Culpepper, The Taunton Press)...**Robert Campbell FAIA** would like to publish BSA members' **residential work** in the *Globe*; mail materials directly to Campbell, 54 Antrim St., Cambridge MA 02139 (fax: 617-576-4784).

People

Kyu Sung Woo Architect has announced that **Lena Kozloski AIA** has been named an Associate of the firm... **Mary McKenna AIA** was the guest speaker on the Colonial Revival in America at the recent Restoration & Renovation convention in Boston... **Machado and Silveti** has named three new Associates — **Bradley Johnson AIA** (responsible for technical oversight on all projects), design architect **Michael Yusem** and designer/marketing/PR manager **Mark Pasnik**... **DiNisco Design** has named **Paula Aguilera** and **Carmen René** as Graphics/IT Support Technician and Marketing Coordinator, respectively... **Cubellis Associates** has announced that **David Chen, Assoc. AIA** has joined the firm as a designer; the firm also has announced these other new staff appointments — **Lew Colten** (Associate), **James Lord** (Senior Engineering Manager), **Frank Aniello** and **John Scanlon** (Project Managers), **Dennis Maccaroni** (architect) and **Amy Gurka** and **Jocelyn Tremblay** (interior designers)... **TRO/The Ritchie Organization** has announced that **Michael Jimerson AIA** has joined the firm as Senior Interiors Architect and **Cheryl Howe** has joined the firm as Senior Interior Designer... **Graham Gund Architects** has announced that **Alice Hackman, Affil.** **BSA** has joined the firm as Director of Marketing... **Tsoi/Kobus & Associates** has been named one of the nation's "100 Interior Design Giants" by *Interior Design* magazine... **Jeremiah Eck Architects** has moved to Suite 403, 560 Harrison Ave., Boston 02118; 617-367-9696/jea@jeaarch.com... **John Uzee AIA** and **Dave Fernandez AIA** represented **ADD Inc** as guest speakers on "Communication Workplace Change" at the DesignFest NeoCon South Conference in Miami in March... **George A. Roman & Associates** has moved to Suites 1 & 2, 66 Central St., Wellesley 02482; 781-235-3604... **Robert Miklos FAIA** was a guest speaker at the Connecticut College symposium on library architecture in April... **Richard Green FAIA** represented **TSA** at the unveiling of the Architecture Firm Award "Wall of Distinction" at the AIA national office in Washington in January; **TSA** (then known as **Hugh Stubbins and Associates**) was the fourth U.S. architecture firm to be hon-

ored as "Firm of the Year" in 1967 — other BSA member-firms honored include **TAC**, **Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott**, **Kallmann McKinnell & Wood**, **Sert Jackson, Cambridge Seven Associates**, and **Benjamin Thompson Associates**... **Cannon**, which sponsored AURRP's BioParks 2000 conference in Boston in March, reports that **Michael Roughton AIA** and **Robert Peterson AIA** were guest speakers at the ASHE/AIA Academy of Architecture for Health convention in February and **John Paul McGowan AIA** and **Debi Lacey McDonald AIA** were the guest speakers at the SCUP Mid-Atlantic Conference in Delaware on designing educational facilities for new technologies... **Koetter, Kim & Associates'** Dallas Victory District Plan received the Dream Study Award from the City of Dallas... **Ivan Bereznicki Associates** has announced that intern-architect **Bruce Cormack** has joined the firm... **Richard Heym Associates** has named **Ken Crisafulli** an Associate of the firm... In a recent issue of *The Boston Herald*, architecture critic **David Eisen** writes on the revitalization of the Lincoln Street Garage in Boston by **Brian Healy Architects**... In a recent issue of *Banker & Tradesman*, architecture critic **Jeff Stein AIA** writes on the restoration of Boston's Ayer Mansion by **Jean Carroon Architects** (recently merged with **Goody, Clancy & Associates**) and **Shawmut Design & Construction**... In its 3/00 issue, *Architectural Record* highlights the work of **Sasaki Associates** (the San Francisco State College dormitories) and **Machado and Silveti** (a residential college at Rice)... In a recent issue of *The Boston Globe*, **Ed Nilsson AIA** writes on zoning issues and the relative influence of towns and religious facilities.

New Work

Gail Sullivan Associates has completed renovations to **Beacon High School** in Brookline and has begun work on **Paige Academy** elementary school and day-care center in **Roxbury Highlands**... **Jung/Brannen** has completed work on the new northeast HQ for **Intuit** in **Waltham Woods Industrial Park**... **Tsomides Associates Architects Planners** has completed work on the new **Paul Hazelton House** for senior residents in **Saco** and, with **Kennedy & Rossi**, is working on a

New deadline

The news deadline for the combined July/August issue of the ChapterLetter is May 17, not May 25 as originally published.

new therapeutic/health facility at **Carleton-Willard Village** retirement community in **Bedford**... **Mostue & Associates** has completed work on a dozen new units at **Alewife Condominiums** for **Just-A-Start**, the affordable-housing developer... **Payette Associates**, in a joint venture with **Bower Lewis Thrower**, is designing two new science buildings at **Penn State**, a new biomedical research building at **Johns Hopkins** and is planning and designing a new health sciences complex for the University of Maryland in **Baltimore**... **The Stubbins Associates** has completed work on **The Center for Humanities and Fine Arts** at **Coastal Carolina University** and the **Adelson Clinic** in **Las Vegas**; the firm is currently designing a new time-share facility in **Arizona** and is renovating two floors of **Harvard's Gutman Library**... **Robert Luchetti Associates** is designing a conference center for the **Ernst & Young Center for Business Innovation** and is renovating the **Carpenter Center**, both at **Harvard**, and is also providing a range of graphic and interior design services to **Function Sports**, a series of indoor alternative sports parks to be built at various sites throughout the U.S.... **Ann Beha Associates** is developing a masterplan for **Symphony Hall** in **Boston** in collaboration with **Platt Byard Dovell**... **Arrowstreet** has designed **Starlight Square**, a new restaurant in **Iceland**... **Cannon** is designing a new athletic facility for the **Brooks School** in **North Andover**, a new fieldhouse for **BU**, a new athletic facility at **St. Mary Academy** at **Bay View** in **Rhode Island** (in collaboration with **Vision III Architects**), is implementing improvements of an outdoor competition field for **Cornell** and has completed a masterplan for and designing an athletic complex for **The Hill School** in **Pennsylvania**... **BTA Architects** is providing a downtown business development planning study for the **Freeport Economic Development Corp.** in **Maine**... **George A. Roman & Associates** is designing the masterplan for the **Wellesley Country Club**... **The Cecil Group**, in a joint venture with **Bermello Ajamil & Partners**, is designing the expansion of the **Black Falcon Cruise Terminal** for **MassPort**, a facility site evaluation and masterplanning and program studies for several public buildings in **Boston** for the **Department of Neighborhood Development** and land-use planning services for the **McLean Development Project** in **Belmont**... **DiMella Shaffer Associates** is designing a new senior living project for **American Retirement Corp.** at **McLean Hospital**... **Marsters & Partners** is completing work on the **Dorchester House Multi-Service Center**... **Rothman Partners** has completed work on the **South End Community Health Center** in **Boston**... **Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann** is designing an addi-



Rebecca Barnes FAIA, who is currently the **BSA Vice-President**, has opened a new firm to offer planning, design and management services to private-sector and public-sector clients focusing on issues of urban design, community development, transportation and land use, strategic and project planning, architecture, etc.; the firm is **Barnes Resources Group/City Strategies**, 43 Antrim St. #3, Cambridge 02139; brgrgb@mediaone.net/617-661-3581.



Jeanne Kuespert AIA (above) has been named an Associate of **William Rawm Associates**



Cahal Stephens AIA has been named Managing Principal at **Einhorn Yaffee Prescott** in **Boston**



George Tremblay AIA



Patricia Cornelison AIA



Kin Lau

Arrowstreet has announced that **George Tremblay AIA** has been named a Principal of the firm and **Patricia Cornelison AIA** and **Kin Lau** have been named Senior Associates.

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tion/renovation to the Brockton Public Library, a study for exterior and interior renovations of the Harvard Faculty Club, building upgrades and interior design for the Mass. Hospital Association HQ in Burlington, programming/planning/building repairs and renovations for two Massachusetts courthouses for DCAM and conceptual design of a residential community on Mt. Hope Bay in Rhode Island...**TRO/The Ritchie Organization** is planning the design of a new cancer center for Concord Hospital in New Hampshire...**Graham Gund Architects** is designing a new campus center for Sweet Briar College in Virginia...**Ellenzweig Associates** is de-

signing new science buildings at Stanford and at the University of Pennsylvania.

Corporate Affiliates

Collaborative Structures is providing project-communication hosting services through its FirstLine Internet application for the MIT Media Lab expansion...**Elaine Construction** is working with A & E Associates to renovate the Availant offices in Cambridge and the office and lab renovations for Soteria Imaging Services in Brighton and is providing CM services for the expansion of Celarix.com's offices in Cambridge

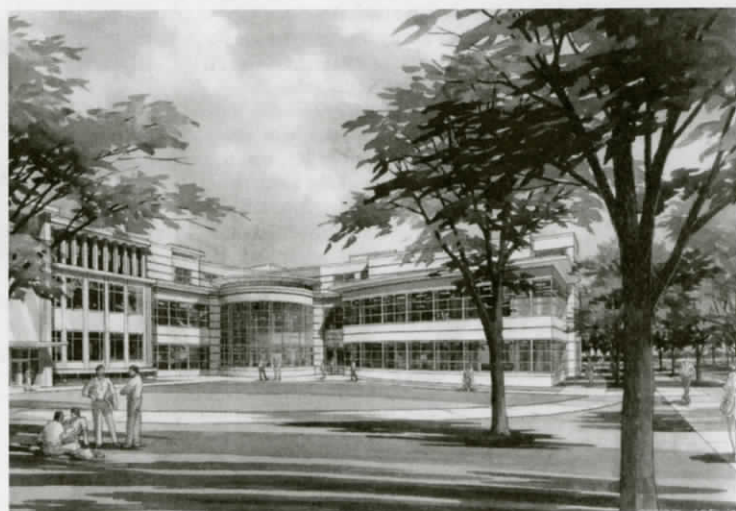
(Perry and Radford Architects is the designer), and several 55 Court Street tenants in Boston (Fuller Associates is the architect)...**Suffolk Construction** is building the Saracen Telecom facility in Waltham (Spagnolo/Gisness is the architect), 303 Congress Street in Boston (Finegold Alexander + Associates is the architect), renovations of the Kennedy Building and the new Alumni Recreation Center at Curry College in Milton (Whitney Atwood Norcross is the architect), The Nautica (CANA) in Charlestown (Neshamkin/French is the architect) and the Hampton Inn in Braintree (Design II Architects is the designer)...**Beacon Skanska** has announced that George Swetz has been promoted to



Shawmut Design and Construction recently completed work on the restoration of Harvard's landmark Memorial Hall Tower (the 1878 version); Shawmut teamed with Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, CBT, Preservation Technology Associates and LeMessurier Consultants...photo by Don Farrell



Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann has completed restoration of Memorial Hall in Townsend...photo by Greg Premru



Architectural Resources Cambridge is designing the new Alford Management Center at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst...rendering by Dongik Lee



Flansburgh Associates has been honored with the AIA/AASA/CEFPI Walter C. Taylor Award for the design of the new Beebe School in Malden; the firm was also honored for this project by the American School Board Journal's annual "Learning By Design" competition...photo by Steve Rosenthal



DiNisco Design Partnership is working on the new Fort Banks Elementary School in Winthrop and has begun work on the North Andover High School (pictured above)...rendering by Frank Costantino



Payette Associates has been honored with the R&D Magazine "Lab of the Year" award for its design of Bicentennial Hall at Middlebury College...photo by Esto

VP and Kerim Evin has been promoted to Project Executive...**A.J. Martini General Contractors** has completed work on the new corporate cafeteria in the Reservoir Corporate Center and tenant build-out in the Center for Expense Management (Vitols Associates was the architect on both projects); the company is currently building renovations to the Hayden Recreation Center (William Saltonstall Associates is the architect), office renovations for Harvard at 1033 Mass. Ave. (The Casali Group is the architect) and two distribution facilities for Tambone Corp. (Vitols Associates is the architect)...**Ear-Relevant Sounds** is providing audio/video systems for the EMC Corp. education center known as EMC University in Milford (ADD Inc is the architect)...**Allcom** is providing voice and data cabling services for GTE Internetworking's new Woburn campus (DiMella Shaffer is the architect), the new corporate HQ campus for PTC (formerly Parametric Technology Corp.; Tsoi/Kobus is the architect), the new West Campus residence halls at Northeastern (William Rawn Associates is the architect), the relocation of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's Boston office (Gensler is the architect) and the new corporate HQ for Frictionless Commerce (Margulies & Associates is the architect)...**Seaver Construction** is providing general contracting services for two middle schools in Woburn (Flansburgh Associates is the architect) and renovations of the CASCAP apartment complex in Cambridge (Eric Ammondson Architects is the designer)...**GEI Consultants**, with Hatch Mott MacDonald and Weidinger Associates, has received the ACEC of Massachusetts Grand Conceptor Award for designing an innovative excavation support system for one of the sections of Boston's Central Artery/Tunnel Project...**Tocci Building Corp.** has completed work on The Fountains at RiverVue in New York (EGA was the architect) and Spring Meadows in Connecticut and in New Jersey for LCO Inc. (DiGiorgio Associates was the architect on both projects)...**Erdman Anthony and Associates** has named these new Associates: Bruce Ignacio (Director of Business Development), Mike Doyle (plumbing and fire protection) and Steve Bertholette (electrical engineering); the firm also reports that it has moved to One Lewis Wharf, Boston 02110; 617-742-7799...**Spaulding & Slye Colliers** reports that its chairman, William Whelan, has been elected Chairman of the New Bedford Aquarium's Board of Governors and President of the New Bedford Aquarium Corp. and Peter Johnson was named to the Board of Governors as well...**Wrenn Associates** has announced several staff promotions: Glenn McCracken (Executive VP), Louise Rosen (VP of Finance), Wayne Johnson (VP of Business Development), Steve Hennigar (VP of Operations) and Paul Kent (Director of Field Operations)...**Souza, True and Part-**

ners is providing structural design services for a new building and renovations of existing buildings at the South Shore Hospital (TRO is the architect) and is working on the Cape May Terminal in Delaware (E. Verner Johnson & Associates is the architect)...**Kennedy & Rossi** has announced that Patricia Charek, the firm's Business Development Manager, is currently serving as President of the Boston-Area Chapter of ISPE; the company recently completed the first phase of a lab and office renovation and new construction project for Aventis Pharma's Cambridge Genomics Center...**Daylor Consulting Group's** new work includes survey, civil engineering and permitting services for RCN's distribution center in Framingham (Schnee Architects is the designer), Poland Springs distribution center in New Hampshire (Carter & Burgess is the designer), Samuels & Associates Fenway mixed-use development (Elkus/Manfredi is the architect), CANA Parcels 2 & 4 in Charlestown (ADD Inc is the architect) and EMC's manufacturing facility in Southborough (Gorman Richardson Architects and Shooshanian Engineering are the designers); the firm also has announced that Marianne Luhrs has joined the firm's environmental planning department; the firm has also opened an office in Northampton in collaboration with The Henson Fuller Group and the new office will be known as Henson Fuller & Daylor...**Prior Engineering** is currently working on fit-up of two floors at 148 State Street for Public Consulting Group (Visnick & Caulfield is the architect), fit-up for WebCT in Lynnfield (Jung/Brannen is the architect), a private residence in Marblehead (Nilsson + Siden is the architect), renovations for Stella Maris Academy in New Bedford (Keefe Associates is the architect) and renovations of the 32nd floor of the Hancock Tower for Charles River Associates (GHK is the designer)...**Wise Construction** has completed work on the AXIS night-club in Boston (Baker Design Group is the architect), build-out for The Koffler Group in Milford (Gorman Richardson Architects was the designer), renovations of The Killian Center for MIT (Hallor Associates was the architect) and build-out for CGN in Boston (Bergmeyer Associates was the architect) and is currently working on The Trinity Episcopal Church renovation in Concord (Donham & Sweeney is the architect), the 1430 Mass. Ave. renovations/modifications in Cambridge including tenant build-out and retail fit-up (Fondren & McGrath is the architect) and tenant fit-up for the Conservation Law Foundation in Boston (Keith Moskow Architects is the designer)...**Copley/Wolff Joint Venture** is working on the surface restoration portion of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project and recently completed design for the Emerson schoolyard in Roxbury and the Conley schoolyard in Roslindale and is currently designing the landscape for a new Summer camp in Maine...**Payton Construc-**

tion is working on structural repair and facade restorations for Harvard Planning and Real Estate (Gillham, Gander and Chin is the architect), build-out for Maynard Cablevision (Flansburgh Associates is the architect), Harvard's Murray Lab renovations (Rothman Partners is the architect), tenant fit-up for Wheelhouse Corp. in Burlington (Payette Associates is the architect), office renovations for Environmental Affairs in Boston (Masone and Co. is the designer) and conversion of a residence into commercial offices for State Street Associates at 136 Mt. Auburn St. in Cambridge (Cubellis & Associates is the architect)...**Lee Kennedy Co.** is building the interior fit-ups for ITG and Edge Capital (Vincent Cusumano Architects is the designer) and is building the new Simmons College Graduate Center (Goody, Clancy & Associates is the architect); Jack Moriarty has joined the company as a project manager, Jon Hollman is a new preconstruction manager, Henry Gibbs is a new assistant project manager and Teresa Minus is a new AA...**Siena Construction** has completed work at Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge (Tsoi/Kobus is the architect), Vitex (formerly Pentose Pharmaceuticals) in Watertown (Cubellis Associates was the architect), Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge in Boston (Dyer/Brown is the architect), Converse in Wakefield (Jung/Brannen is the architect), Suntory Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge (Olson Lewis & Dioli was the architect) and the company is currently working on several projects for Razorfish in Cambridge and for Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge (ADD Inc is the architect for both clients), Cambridge Neuroscience and Green Tea in Bedford (Olson Lewis & Dioli is the architect on both projects), the Viant expansion in Boston (Gensler is the architect) and Zycos in Lexington (Cubellis Associates is the architect).

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Thoughtful architects wanted

The Ecopsychology Institute of The Center for Psychology and Social Change was established in recognition that human health and the health of the earth are inseparable and with the mission of developing theories and practices that promote mutually sustaining relationships among humans and the natural world.

The Institute founders include professionals in healthcare, environmental work and organizational consulting. We are developing our methods of inquiry, designed to connect the inner and outer ecologies to bring them to other professions that have an impact on humans' relationship with the environment. We believe that architects, with your emphasis on connecting the natural and built environments, are in a unique position to contribute to this broad vision of health by working with your clients in ways that invite the development and manifestation of ecological identity or knowing oneself as part of a larger living system (the earth).

We are planning a pilot training program and would like to invite architects interested in participating in this project to call us at 617-497-1553 (ask for Wesley Baff) or leave a message for me at ext. 18 or e-mail me at lsconn@aol.com. Thank you.

Sarah Conn, Ph.D., Cambridge MA

Work with Walter Maldonado

I have just returned from Honduras where I worked with Habitat for Humanity on a 387-unit housing development to provide replacement housing for those who lost their homes during Hurricane Mitch. This is real low-cost housing: 500 sf, two-bedroom units (created at a cost of \$3,000 each), which will house a family of five to seven people. The architect on the job, Walter Maldonado, only recently graduated from architecture school and is working with extraordinarily limited resources to get this housing built.

I would like to help Walter by sending him some supplies and reference books that are beyond his means to buy. I know that many of us here in Boston and everywhere in the U.S. where the BSA ChapterLetter is read have drafting supplies, sets of technical pens and other useful equipment that is not being used because we have converted to CADD. I also believe that many of us have copies of reference books on graphic standards or timesaver standards or similar critical issues that we can spare.

If you are able to donate this type of material and equipment, please call/write me at 781-237-5702/gomez-ibanez@msn.com and I will arrange to pick up the supplies and send them to Walter in Honduras. Thank you in advance for whatever help you can provide.

*Miguel Gomez-Ibanez AIA
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Spam or caviar?

The BSA, not unlike the rest of the world, is moving rapidly from hard-copy communications to electronic distribution of information. In an effort to keep you and everyone else informed about deadlines/news/coming events, the BSA recently began using regular broadcast e-mail messages as event reminders. So far the response from BSA members and friends has been positive and we are developing special e-news groups for tailored communications. If you have not been receiving the BSA news-bites, it is probably because we do not have your e-mail address. If you'd like to hear from us in this way, e-mail your e-mail address to bsa@architects.org. We aim to inform.

Stephen Sattler, BSA Communications Director

Other voices

"It's good to be good friends with the roofing guys." — *Frank Gehry FALA in an interview reported in Design Firm Management & Administration Report, 4/00*

"There are thirty spokes in a wheel but its utility lies in the hole in the hub. The potter forms the clay into jars but their usefulness depends upon the enclosed space. A carpenter builds the walls of a house and cuts out windows and doors but the value of the house is measured by the space within the walls. Thus it may be said that existence is for accommodation but non-existence is for utility." — *Laotzu's Tao and Wu-Wei quoted in James Fitzgerald (a collection and analysis of the Massachusetts artist's work by Calvin Hennig)*

"Architectural preservation began as an expression of liberal conscience. It has devolved into a deeply reactionary mode of self-deception. It masks the future of the liberal imagination to address the social justice side of the democratic equation." — *architecture critic Herbert Muschamp (The New York Times, 2/20/00)*

"Most of my architectural education translated directly into the business world. Certain aspects of project management in business closely relate to the concepts of project management in architecture but they have a much broader application with a more powerful impact than in architecture...The correlations to architecture and architectural thinking in offering [strategic planning, business management, publications and communications, and business planning] services are quite remarkable...These parallels provide architects major opportunities for alternative service delivery. Very few disciplines practice visualizing structure as a principle of giving form to an organization. I am sincere about trying to talk other architects into crossing over into this arena — where you are forced to visualize the problem and the associated solutions." — *from an interview with architect Mark Johnson, now President and Creative Director of The Understanding Business, an information design firm in San Francisco (in Architecture California, Spring 1998)*

"Both education and practice would benefit from a rigorous cultural analysis of the prevailing state of architecture. What, for instance, is the collective mental background that informs the alarming conservatism — the nostalgic quasi-classicism — of American collegiate and corporate architecture? Is it cultural insecurity? A deeper suppression of the idea of (and hope for) progress? And what kind of mental defenses work to create our sickeningly regressive domestic architecture?" — *Juhani Pallasmaa in "Toward an Architecture of Humility," an article in the Winter/Spring issue of the Harvard GSD magazine*

"While the Princeton football hero's stature has diminished in recent decades, the concrete embodiment of it remained in the form of Palmer Stadium [until it was razed after the 1996 football season]. The modern Princeton team had come to seem especially puny in so monumental a setting — the Stadium could accommodate 40,000 but generally held far less than half that number. The scale of the new stadium, which holds 28,000, seems better matched to the talent on the field. The architect, Rafael Vinoly, has succeeded in doing what the recruiters and coaches could not do: he has made the Princeton football team look good...The new seats are raised, allowing more legroom which is good for the knee joints but places more weight on the lower back; some [alumni] from the 1930s could be seen to doddle even more than usual as they left the stadium clutching their sacroiliacs." — *John Seabrook writing in The New Yorker (10/19/98)*

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by 9:30 am on the day of
the meeting to reserve
lunch.

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9:30 am
Educational Facilities Cte,
Flansburgh Assoc., 77 No.
Wash. St., Boston
4:30 pm
Civic Initiative (see p. 5)

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8:00 am
Education Network
8:00 am
Task Force to End
Homelessness, Payette Assoc.,
285 Summer St., Boston
Noon
*Membership Cte (see p. 15)
6:00 pm
"Legal Hard-Hat Party"
(see p. 2)

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8:00 am
Editorial Board

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Philadelphia (through
May 7); see p. 7

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Noon
*Indoor Air Quality Cte
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8:30 am
Legislative Affairs Cte
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8:30 am
Residential Design Marketing
Group
Noon
*Office Information Systems
Task Force
Noon
*Design Software Cte (for
venue, glangdon@shore.net)
6:00 pm
New Members Reception
(see pp. 2 & 14)
6:30 pm
AllPlan Users Group,
Bereznicki Assoc., 9 Wendell
St., Cambridge

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8:00 am
Historic Resources Cte
10:30 am
Executive Cte
Noon
*Board Meeting (see p. 4)
6:00 pm
Regional Design Cte, 5
Doublet Hill Rd., Weston
(617-647-7833)

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8:00 am
"Strategic Alliances"
workshop (see pp. 2 & 9)

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Noon
*Public-Sector Architects
Lunch Group
4:00 pm
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Awards Program (see p. 3)
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Architects Cte
Noon
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5:15 pm
Healthcare Facilities Cte
(award-winners reviewed)
6:00 pm
DataCAD Boston Users
Group (for venue,
eshu@world.std.com)

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*Small Firms Practice Cte
(see p. 11)
3:00 pm
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Development Institute
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6:00 pm
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Across Disciplines"
(see pp. 2 & 4)

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8:30 am
Housing Cte
Noon
*Public Work Lunch Group
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4:30 pm
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Roundtable
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workshop (see pp. 2 & 9)
8:30 am
Higher Education Facilities
Cte
6:00 pm
Urban Design Cte, C7A,
1050 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
6:00 pm
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